

## NOTES OF THE DAY.

Thirty years ago there were only about twenty

The olive crop of the past year of Southern California, including pickled olives and olive oil, is estimated to be the largest ever.

It is computed that there is £800,000,000 worth of gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea on the route between England and India.

Many physicians have left Dawson for want of practice, and no less than five private sanitariums have closed on account of lack of patronage.

The superintendent of a children's home in Cincinnati refuses to send any children to Kentucky for adoption, because of the bad record of the State.

A new shirt takes just about twice as much time to be laundered as one that has been through

The latest plan to rid Chicago of "hold-ups" is to fit out the city arc lamps with projectors which will flash the rays like a searchlight in the night thoroughfares.

The population of Hungary has increased from 1,000,000 to 18,000,000 this century. The capital of the country counts 670,000 inhabitants, against 100,000 in the year 1800.

In 1870 the United States mined 36,806,560 tons of coal and Great Britain 123,682,965. The figures in 1899 were: United States, 244,000,000 tons; Great Britain, 234,000,000.

The coal famine in Russia is so serious that the minister of finance has persuaded the Emperor to permit foreign coal to be imported free of duty.

Twelve pounds only is the weight of the new automatic machine gun under experiment in the United States Army. It fires 450 shots a minute and can be fired by one man.

German military experts are just now making elaborate experiments in order to test the value of the sugar diet, in cases where troops are called upon for exceptional exertions in a brief period.

Last Christmas in Jerusalem was bitter cold, the thermometer showing 32 to 40 degrees every day. There is no provision for heating the hotel and all tourists in winter suffer much from the cold.

Damascus is said to be the oldest city in the world, dating back 4,000 years. Its present population is 200,000, a tenth being Christians. The

New inventions and modern improvements are enlarging the Spanish vocabulary, rich in colloquial and literary words, richer than English in this respect, but poor and inadequate in technical terms.

"There are some queer experiences out in the Alaskan country," says a returning miner.

The Houston and Texas Central Railway has treated the office of chief gardener. This office will have charge of making and caring for the station grounds and flower gardens at all points along the line from Groesbeck to Dallas, Tex.

Frankton, S. D., the children rent the books, the yearly charge ranging from 20 cents in the first grade to 85 cents in the eighth grade. The titles entitle the pupil to all the books available for his grade.

The rag-pickers of Paris, to the number of some thing like 40,000, who make their living by picking over rubbish put out from houses, are greatly benefited by new boxes, which are to be used

A folding hat has been patented by a Scotchman, a single sheet of stiff paper or other material being folded into transverse plaits, with crease through the centre at right angles with the plaits, which allows one portion to bend out and form the brim after the sheet is bent into a tube.

"There is no trouble experienced in making sugar from Kansas cane," says a Kansas paper.

and sells for less than cost to produce, because of the sorghum tang. Laboratory experiments and research to improve the quality is what I wanted."

One result of the Molineux trial is the avowed decision of one of the jurymen—an undertaking by the way—never to serve as jurymen again. "I shall simply go and pay my fine of \$100 or \$50 as the case may be," he says, "and let it go at that. I wouldn't go through another such case."

A novel use has been found for an electric stove by the water board of Marquette, Mich. The stove has been put in the intake pipe, which supplies the water to the city works from Lake Superior, and its purpose is to keep anchor needle ice from forming on the sides of the pipe and finally stopping the flow.

to the supply of new books the United States occupies the fourth place. Germany provides nearly twice as many new publications as the United States and England combined. The circulation figures of successful books are however, much larger in those countries than in Germany.

Recently a curious accident occurred at Quebec which resulted in the fatal injury of a man. He was pressing ashes into a cylinder, holding in

and a long iron rod; the rod in some way met with an obstruction, causing him to raise it quickly, thus breaking a globe of an arc light which was over his head, and so forming a circuit by which the current passed into body, resulting in his death.

Gen. W. A. Oimstead, who has just been ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church at Notre Dame, Ind., entered the army during the civil war as a captain in the Second New York.

infantry, and rose to the colonel of the Fifth Ninth New York Volunteers. He was mustered out a brevet brigadier. He entered Notre Dame University as a student six years ago, having previously been an army surgeon.

The indifference of the Indian to death was forcibly illustrated in Milwaukee the other day. One of the name of Seymour Waukech was tried in the United States District Court for murder, and though the evidence was strong

People who are long-lived all have certain physical traits that are not noticeable. In the first place they have straight backs. The majority of folk have curvature of the spine in some degree, unnoticeable it may be, but it is there. The man who will live to be old has a straight

The haulage of boats by automobile along the canal between Brussels and Charleroi has demonstrated, after a long trial, that the new method of towing is three times quicker than horse traction. The automobile derives its energy from a railway composed of six lines, three of high tension and three of low tension.

In India the chief pastime of the natives is unique, though it is not surprising to Americans as it has a decidedly American twang. The great Indian sport is ram fighting. The greatest possible care is taken in rearing and training the ram for fighting. When the horns first appear on the ram they are pulled out. A second pair is

rows, which are much larger and stronger than the first. As the ram grows older it is taught buck. The trainer uses a shield which is padded somewhat, so that the ram will not break horns. Gradually the animal learns to take long run before bucking and, finally, when grown, it is all that two men can do to hold a shield against its onslaughts. Among the natives a ram fight is a great betting event. They come from great distances to witness it. The combat is continued until one is killed or until one is

ants fight until one is killed or until one is disabled to continue the battle. A remarkable thing about the animals is that the one who has been defeated will never face its conqueror again.